

The Watauga Democrat

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WE HAD a very pleasant interview last Saturday in Hickory with our friend, J. G. Hall, in regard to his probable appointment by the President to the Collectorship of the Western District of North Carolina. Mr. Hall is still hopeful of his success, notwithstanding the activity of other applicants. He is now of the opinion that the appointment will not be made before the last of May or the first of June, although it may be made earlier. It was reported that Mr. Gudger, of Asheville, had received the appointment about the first of April, but this was a mistake. Mr. Hall tells us that he has received numerous applications for Deputy Collector already from various parts of the district. If appointed, he will carefully consider each application for Deputy Collector, Store-keeper and Gauger. Friends of Hickory are very anxious for the success of Mr. Hall, and we find the same feeling everywhere we have visited on our recent trip through Yadkin, Wilkes, Catawba and Caldwell counties. It is probable that the appointment of District Attorney for the Western District will geographically have some bearing on the appointment of a Collector, as one applicant for Dist. Attorney lives in Henderson's Dist., and the other in Bower's Dist., and also with the applicants for Collector. It is probable that both will not be appointed from the same District.

THE new railroad from Lenoir to Wilson Creek, at the foot of the Grandfather has been contracted to a responsible company, and work on the grading will be commenced in a few days. Mr. Hugh Gwyn, of Patterson, has the contract to furnish cross-ties and wants 100 hands to commence work next Monday. The line of road will miss Patterson three miles to the south, but it will, it is thought, be connected by an arm. The electric road from Lenoir to Blowing Rock is again being agitated. One man proposes to take \$100,000 stock with which to begin. The estimated cost to complete this line of road is \$350,000.

LINGLE, the man who killed Jenkins last fall in Caldwell county, was arraigned for trial last week in Lenoir, and was acquitted by the jury. Our W. B. Councill was one of the defendant's Attorneys, and acquitted himself finely, making a most splendid speech. We have heard his speech favorably commented upon by a number of persons who heard it. Mr. Councill is fast coming to the front, as one of our most able lawyers, and we are proud of the fact.

Mr. James S. Ewing, who has been appointed minister to Belgium, is a cousin of Vice-President Stevenson.

North Carolina is proud of the appointment as minister to Greece, of Dr. Alexander, of Chapel Hill.

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Newspaperdom: The editor while friendly with all when occasion demands, should be a little useful to his friends and a little dangerous to his enemies. He should be willing to praise, yet not afraid to blame. He should uphold the honest and faithful officer in the discharge of his duty and he should protest against wrong-doing. He should let no fear of a withdrawal of official patronage deter him from duty. While a temporary loss may be incurred, the public will sustain the honest editor, and officer who may be directed in his duty will, nine times out of ten, prefer to mend his ways than to keep up a warfare with an editor whom it may not be desirable to antagonize in the next race.

According to Baltimore American Mr. Cleveland has a middle-aged Cabinet. Their ages are thus given: Cleveland, fifty-six years; Stevenson, fifty-eight; Gresham, sixty-one; Carlisle, fifty-eight; Bissell, forty-six; Lamont, forty-one; Olney, fifty-eight; Smith, thirty-eight; Morton, sixty. Secretary Herbert's short arm can sympathize with Secretary Gresham's short leg. It was a Federal bullet in the Wilderness that shortened the former and a Confederate bullet near Atlanta that shortened the latter.

Tracts and Combinations.

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A Very Old Newspaper.

Wilmingtton Messenger.

We were interested in an article we chanced to see in the Asheville Christian Advocate. It was a letter written from Rome, Italy, by Rev. W. L. Griswold, of the Western M. E. Conference (N. C.) He told of a newspaper that is very old indeed. It is of the year 168 before Christ, and was recently found. Its title is *Acta Populi Romani Diurna*. Mr. Griswold copies several of the items and they read quite like brief news records of our times. We give a few examples:

"March 29—The Consul Lavinus has to-day assumed the duties of his office."

"A violent thunder-storm has burst to-day over the city. During the afternoon a thunder-bolt fell upon an oak in the vicinity of the Velia Hill, tearing it up in several pieces."

"A fatal affray took place at the Bear wine shop, near the Hill of Janus. The proprietor of the shop was dangerously wounded."

"Andrius, the money changer, who carries on business under the sign of 'The Shield of the Cimber,' has taken flight taking with him a considerable sum of money."

"Denniphon, the brigand chief, who was lately captured by the late Neava, was crucified to-day."

"The Carthaginian fleet entered the port of Ostia this morning."

Hon. Hannis Taylor, a native of North Carolina, but now a resident of Alabama, is to be minister to Spain.

Observer's Discourse on the Tongue.

Editor Democrat:

I see in your paper of recent date an article on 'tattlers' and one on 'watch your tongue.' They seem to be twin subjects, for the tongue is the unruly member of tattlers. Once upon a time a certain king ordered his servant to prepare a feast of that which was productive of the most good to mankind. When the king and his guests came to the feast he found it consisted of tongues. Then he commanded his servant to prepare another feast to consist of that which was productive of the greatest evil to our race and age, and it was of tongues. In surprise the king said unto his servant: 'Why of tongue again?' 'Because the tongue is a member of man which is and can be used for both good and evil.'

St. James speaks of the tongue in chapter 3 verse 5: 'Even so the tongue is a little member and boasteth great things.' Verses 8 and 9: 'But the tongue can no man tame. Therewith bless we God even the Father; and therewith curse we men.' So we see that the tongue is a little member that is productive of both great good and much evil. Therefore should we not watch and bridle our tongues from speaking evil of one another, for St. James says in chapter 1 verse 26: 'If any man seem to be religious and brideth not his tongue this man's religion is vain.' So we find by observation and Holy writ that the tongue of the tattler who goes about to slander his fellow-man is a nuisance to society and productive of one of the greatest evils that disturb the peace among neighbors.

The tongue of the wicked will lie, cheat, swindle, deceive, and slander; tell tales to make mischief. The tattling mischief-maker is the agent of pandemonium, the quintessence of all evil. The tongue of the upright speaketh evil of no one. With his tongue he prayeth and teacheth his fellow-man the way of salvation and sings praises to his God. With his tongue he speaketh words of comfort and cheer to the poor, the sick and afflicted. A kind word spoken in season is like bread cast upon the waters, the fruits thereof to be gathered and nourished in many days hence. From many evils deliver me. From tattlers, busy-bodies, news-mongers, to make mischief. Above all things else, we should be careful not to speak evil of our christian brethren, and especially young converts and ministers of the gospel. With sorrow and regret I have heard the character of one of our most popular, able, useful and influential preachers traduced by slanderous and poisonous tongues. It is better to steal a good man's money than to steal his good name by lying and slandering. If evil-minded people will tattle and slander let christians be careful not to speak evil of any one, especially of a brother or sister who is tempted to do evil. Should we not rather go to them and try to reclaim them by words of brotherly love and kindness, than to help tattlers to publish it to the four winds of public gossip? If so small a member as our tongue is so productive of both good and evil should

we not watch our tongues and bridle them from idle gossip, tattling, lying, tale-telling, to make mischief.

A wise old proverb says it is better to speak twice than to speak once, at random or without thought. An idle word spoken, often brings sorrow and pain to the innocent with its trains of many evils, while a kind word spoken in season, yields or exerts an influence for good that often runs along our path-way of life as silently, but as truly as the rolling waves of the flowing rivers find the great seas and mighty oceans, the fountain of all living waters. So with us. The impressions and influence of words of comfort and sympathy gently leads us along the checkered pathway of life into the haven of rest where sorrow, sighing and pain are not known.

I will add in conclusion, that if we hear slanderous reports, let us first ascertain whether it is true or false. If true, we should not help to circulate it; if false, let us rejoice and be glad that it is false. Let us turn a deaf ear to idle gossip and not countenance tattlers, news-carriers and tale-tellers.

OBSERVER.

NOTICE.

North Carolina, Watauga county. In the Superior Court. D. N. Coffey, T. A. Coffey, J. T. Coffey, Thos's wife and wife, M. A. Wright and McCall Coffey pffs. Vs.

James C. Coffey and wife, Sarah E. Coffey, Wm. Kimber, John Kimber and other heirs at law of Jesse T. Coffey, deceased, defendants.

The defendants, Wm. Kimber, John Kimber James Kimber and other heirs at law of Jesse T. Coffey, decd., will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the superior court of watauga county for a title to certain lands situated in watauga township in said county, this action brought on a bond executed by defendants ancestor, Jesse T. Coffey, now deceased, to plaintiffs and their ancestor Austin Coffey, for title to the aforesaid lands. And the defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear at next term of the superior court of said county, to be held on the 8th Monday after the 1st Monday in March 1893, at the court house of said county, in Boone and answer or demur to the complaint in said action or the plaintiffs will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint. This 28th, 1893.

Joe B. Todd, C. S. C.

A BIG CUT ON PRICES.

I wish to call the attention of the trade to the fact that I am now offering some rare bargains in boots, shoes, hats, ready-made clothing, prints, worsteds, etc., hardware, such as plows, hoes, shovels, spades, tracechains, and, in fact, anything you need in this line.

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Most Respectfully,

G. D. TAYLOR.
Valle Crucis, May 15, '92.

NOTICE.

By virtue of an execution issued from the Superior Court of Watauga county, N. C., against E. B. Miller and Jonathan Miller and in favor of John Ragan for the sum of \$72.34 cts. with interest and cost, I will sell at public outcry at the court house door in the town of Boone May 2, 1893, it being the first Monday in said month, the following described tract or parcel of land, to wit: 75 acres more or less lying in Watauga Co. and bounded as follows: Beginning on a buckeye and two gum trees on the bank of Elk creek, and at the mouth of Dry branch, and adjoining the lands of A. F. Davis, J. Miller, C. J. Cowles and others and known as the N. W. Davis place. Said \$72.34 is balance due of purchase money of said lands. Ap. 3, 1893, D. F. BAIRD, Sheriff.

NOTICE.

By virtue of a mortgage deed executed to me by G. W. Clawson, and wife, A. L. Clawson, I will offer for sale for cash in hand at the court house door in the town of Boone, Watauga County, N. C., on Monday, the 1st day of May, 1893, a tract of land lying on the waters of Pine Run creek, adjoining lands of M. L. McNeil and others, the lands conveyed and described in said mortgage. Said mortgage is duly registered in book "C," page 429, etc. in the Register's office in Boone to satisfy a debt of \$150 with interest and cost. March 30, 1893. A. J. MORETZ, Mortgagee.

NOTICE.

By virtue of an execution of the Superior court of Watauga county, issued on the 22nd day of Feb., 1893, in favor of the Bank of Abingdon against J. P. Hagaman, Thomas J. Hagaman and J. R. Hagaman, docketed on 7th day of April, 1890 for \$2,031.87 with interest on \$1,817.64 from 7th day of April, 1890 with costs, now in my hands for collection and levied on the following described lands by me to satisfy same, on the 22nd day of March, 1893, I will sell to the highest bidder at the court house door in Boone, on Monday the first day of May, 1893, it being Monday of the Superior court, one tract or boundary of land levied on as the property of J. P. Hagaman, lying in Boone township on the waters of Brushy Fork, adjoining the lands of W. W. Presnell, N. H. Shipley, J. R. Hagaman and others, it being the lands upon which E. L. Harman now resides. One tract or parcel of land levied on as the property of J. P. Hagaman, lying on the waters of said creek Watauga township adjoining the lands of G. W. McGinnis, L. C. Epp, Elijah Isaacs and others, it being known as the Sallie Hagaman lands. One tract or parcel of land levied on as the property of T. A. Hagaman in Watauga township lying on Watauga river, adjoining the lands of A. B. Mast, Henry Taylor, J. F. Shull, Jacob Wagner and others, known as the William Mast place, now occupied by Andy Holler, embracing all of said lands. One tract or parcel of land levied on as the property of J. R. Hagaman to satisfy the foregoing execution and also an execution in my hands in favor of B. F. Brannock against J. R. Hagaman for \$40.00 and interest and cost, situated in Boone township lying on Brushy Fork adjoining the lands of W. W. Presnell, J. P. Hagaman, Z. Adams and others, known as the J. R. Hagaman home place, embracing the whole of said lands. This March 27, 1893. D. F. BAIRD, Shff.

Administrator's Notice.

Having qualified as the administrator of Elijah Dotson, decd., all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate settlement, and all persons holding accounts against said estate are notified to present them duly authenticated within twelve months or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. Feb. 13, 1893. J. B. GREEN, Administrator.

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NOTICE.

State of North Carolina, Watauga county. In the Superior Court. F. M. and W. W. Holsclaw Administrators on the estate of B. L. Holsclaw, deceased, against Hattie E. Birdie E. Hilly V. and Lena M. Holsclaw. The defendants, Hilly V. and Lena M. Holsclaw, above named, will take notice that an action entitled as above, has been commenced in the Superior court of Watauga county to sell real estate situated in Cove Creek township in said county, for assets to pay debts of the said B. L. Holsclaw, decd., and the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear at the office of the Clerk of this court at his office in Boone, on the 6th day of April, 1893, and answer or demur to the complaint in this action, or the plaintiffs will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint. This March 1st, 1893. Joe B. Todd, C. S. C.

NOTICE.

By virtue of a mortgage deed executed to Henry Taylor by Levi Moody and wife, Elizabeth Moody, on the 11 day of Nov. 1878 and assigned to Thom. Cook March 26, 1887, at which time payments were made by mortgagees. Said mortgage deed registered in the Register's office of Watauga county on 14th day of Nov. 1878, book "H" pages 186-187 and 188, the undersigned will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the court house door in Boone, on Monday, the first day of May, 1893, to satisfy a balance due on said mortgage of \$146 and interests and costs, a certain tract or parcel of land situated in the county of Watauga, and State of N. C., lying in Laurel Creek township on the waters of Cove Creek and directly on the Rock House branch 100 acres. See record of deed for boundary. Mar. 27, 1893. HENRY TAYLOR, Mortgagee, by T. F. Cook, Assignee.

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